

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-63: (Cancelled)

64. (Currently Amended) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

receiving, from a user, a set of package specifications for a particular package that is to be delivered to a particular destination and an indication of a shipping date;
in response to receiving the set of package specifications and the indication of the shipping date:

determining a first shipping rate, said first shipping rate being a rate that a first carrier would charge to deliver said package to said destination according to a first delivery service[[:]],

determining a second shipping rate, said second shipping rate being a rate that said first carrier would charge to deliver said package to said destination according to a second delivery service[[:]],

determining a third shipping rate, said third shipping rate being a rate that a second carrier would charge to deliver said package to said destination according to a third delivery service[[:]],

determining a fourth shipping rate, said fourth shipping rate being a rate that said second carrier would charge to deliver said package to said destination according to a fourth delivery service[[:]], and

simultaneously displaying said first, second, third, and fourth shipping rates to said user; [[and]]

receiving a request from said user to ship said package on the shipping date to said destination via a particular delivery service, said particular delivery service being

selected from a group consisting of: (A) said first delivery service; (B) said second delivery service; (C) said third delivery service, and (D) said fourth delivery service; and facilitating delivery of said package to said destination via said particular delivery service.

65. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 64, wherein said first delivery service and said third delivery service are both next day delivery services.

66. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 64, wherein said first delivery service and said third delivery service are both second day delivery services.

67. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 64, wherein said step of simultaneously displaying said first, second, third, and fourth shipping rates to said user comprises:

generating a simultaneous display of said first, second, third, and fourth shipping rates; and

transmitting said simultaneous display to a client computer for display on a display screen associated with said client computer.

68. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 64, wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed for:

identifying a first day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service; and

simultaneously displaying to a user:

a first delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would

deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service; and

a second delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, on said second day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service.

69. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 68, wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed for:

identifying a first time on said first day before which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second time on said second day before which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service; and

displaying to said user:

a third delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, before said first time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service; and

a fourth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, before said second time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service.

70. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 69, wherein said first day and said second day are the same day.

71. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim

69, wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed for simultaneously displaying to said user: (1) said first, second, third and fourth shipping rates; and (2) said first, second, third, and fourth delivery schedule indicia.

72. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 64, wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed for:

identifying a first day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second day on which said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said third delivery service;

said first delivery service is a next day delivery service;

said third delivery service is a next day delivery service; and

said first day and said second day are different days.

73. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 64, wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed for:

identifying a first day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service; and

identifying a third day on which said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said third delivery service;

identifying a fourth day on which said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination, according to the shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said fourth delivery service; and

simultaneously displaying to a user:

a first delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

a second delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination on said second day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service;

a third delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination on said third day if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said third delivery service;

a fourth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination on said fourth day if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said fourth delivery service.

74. (Previously Presented) A shipping management computer system that is programmed for:

identifying a first day on which a first carrier would deliver a particular package to a particular destination according to a particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via a first delivery service;

identifying a second day on which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via a second delivery service;

identifying a third day on which a second carrier would deliver said package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via a third delivery service;

identifying a fourth day on which said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via a fourth delivery service; and

simultaneously displaying to a user:

(A) a first delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

(B) a second delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination on said second day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service;

(C) a third delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination on said third day if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said third delivery service; and

(D) a fourth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination on said fourth day if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said fourth delivery service.

75. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 74, wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed for:

receiving a request from said user to ship said package to said destination via a particular delivery service, said particular delivery service being selected from a group consisting of: (A) said first delivery service; (B) said second delivery service; (C) said third delivery service, and (D) said fourth delivery service; and facilitating delivery of said package to said destination via said particular delivery service.

76. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 75, wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed for:

identifying a first time on said first day before which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first

carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second time on said second day before which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service; and

displaying to said user:

a fifth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination before said first time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service; and

a sixth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination before said second time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service.

77. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 76, wherein said first day and said second day are the same day.

78. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 76, wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed for simultaneously displaying, to said user, said first, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth delivery schedule indicia.

79. (Previously Presented) The shipping management computer system of Claim 75, wherein said shipping management computer system is further programmed for:

identifying a first time on said first day before which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

identifying a second time on said second day before which said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service;

identifying a third time on said third day before which said second carrier would

deliver said package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said third delivery service;

identifying a fourth time on said fourth day before which said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination according to the particular shipping date, if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said fourth delivery service;

and

displaying to said user:

a fifth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination before said first time on said first day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said first delivery service;

a sixth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said first carrier would deliver said package to said destination before said second time on said second day if said first carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said second delivery service;

a seventh delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination before said third time on said third day if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said third delivery service; and

a eighth delivery schedule indicia indicating that said second carrier would deliver said package to said destination before said fourth time on said fourth day if said second carrier were to deliver said package to said destination via said fourth delivery service.